

REMARKS

Claims 8-14 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, thus rendering the 101 rejection moot.

Turning to the art rejections, and considering first the rejection of claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15-17 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,705,301 to Garza et al. (hereinafter "Garza") in view of US Patent No. 6,453,274 to Kamon, (hereafter Kamon), independent claims 1, 8 and 15 require, in part, the feature "wherein a test standard for a first area among said areas and a test standard for a second area among said areas are different from each other." The office action admits Garza does not teach this feature. The office action suggests this feature is taught at col. 5, lines 32-47 and col. 9, lines 1-7 of Kamon. However, Kamon only discloses that some areas have a test standard and some do not require a test standard, which is distinguished from having two different test standards. As neither Kamon, nor Garza et al. disclose a test standard for a first area among said areas and a test standard for a second area among said areas are different from each other, no combination of Garza et al. and Kamon reasonably could be said to teach or suggest claims 1, 8 and 15.

Claims 2-7, 9-14, and 16-20 depend from claims 1, 8 or 15, as the case may be, and are allowable for the same reasons above adduced relative to claims 1, 8 and 15, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Turning now to the rejection of claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Garza et al. in view of Kamon, and further in view of US Publication No. 2002/0043615 to Tounai et al. (hereinafter "Tounai") claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 also depend from claims 1, 8 or 15, as the case may be. The deficiencies of the combination of Garza et al. and Kamon are described above. Tounai et al. fails to

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supply the missing teachings as above discussed. Thus, claims 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, and 19 are allowable over the art for the same reasons above adduced relative to claims 1, 8 and 15, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Turning finally to the rejection of claims 6, 7, 13, 14 and 20 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Garza et al. in view of Kamon and further in view of US Patent No. 6,316,163 to Magoshi et al. (hereinafter "Magoshi"), claims 6, 7, 13, 14 and 20 are dependent on claims 1, 8 or 15, as the case may be. The deficiencies of the combination of Garza et al. and Kamon are discussed above. Magoshi et al. fails to supply the missing teachings. Thus, claims 6, 7, 13, 14 and 20 are allowable for the same reasons above adduced relative to claims 1, 8 and 15, as well as for their own additional limitations.

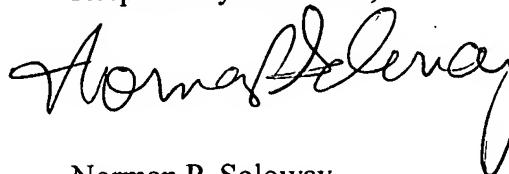
New dependent claims 21-26 have been added to further scope the invention, and are allowable over the art for the same reasons above adduced relative to their base claims, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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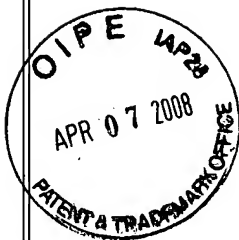
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